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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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9 CHRISTOPHER PRESTFIELD,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 GEORGE M. ZAKHARY,

13 Defendant.  
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Case No. 1:20-cv-01551-NONE-EPG (PC)

ORDER REQUIRING PARTIES TO  
EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS

15 Christopher Prestfield (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma*  
16 *pauperis* in this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

17 On March 18, 2021, the Court issued an order requiring the parties to file scheduling  
18 and discovery statements. (ECF No. 22). The parties have now filed their statements. (ECF  
19 Nos. 24, 31).

20 The Court has reviewed this case and the parties’ statements. In an effort to secure the  
21 just, speedy, and inexpensive disposition of this action,<sup>1</sup> the Court will direct that certain  
22 documents that are central to the dispute be promptly produced.<sup>2</sup>  
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24 <sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *United States v. W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499, 508–09 (9th Cir. 2008) (“We begin with the  
25 principle that the district court is charged with effectuating the speedy and orderly administration of justice. There  
26 is universal acceptance in the federal courts that, in carrying out this mandate, a district court has the authority to  
27 enter pretrial case management and discovery orders designed to ensure that the relevant issues to be tried are  
adequately and timely prepared so that the trial can proceed efficiently and intelligibly.”).

28 <sup>2</sup> Advisory Committee Notes to 1993 Amendment to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding Rule  
26(a) (“The enumeration in Rule 26(a) of items to be disclosed does not prevent a court from requiring by order or  
local rule that the parties disclose additional information without a discovery request.”).

1 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 2 1. Each party has sixty days from the date of service of this order to serve opposing  
3 parties, or their counsel, if represented, with copies of the following documents  
4 and/or evidence that they have in their possession, custody, or control, to the  
5 extent the parties have not already done so:<sup>3</sup>
- 6 a. Documents regarding exhaustion of Plaintiff's claims, including 602s,  
7 Form 22s, and responses from the appeals office.<sup>4</sup>
  - 8 b. All of Plaintiff's medical records related to the incident and/or condition  
9 at issue in the case.
- 10 2. If any party obtains documents and/or other evidence described above later in  
11 the case from a third party, that party shall provide all other parties with copies  
12 of the documents and/or evidence within thirty days.
- 13 3. Parties do not need to produce documents or evidence that they have already  
14 produced.
- 15 4. Parties do not need to produce documents or evidence that were provided to  
16 them by the opposing party.
- 17 5. Parties may object to producing any of the above-listed documents and/or  
18 evidence. Objections shall be filed with the Court and served on all other parties  
19 within sixty days from the date of service of this order (or within thirty days of  
20 receiving additional documents and/or evidence). The objection should include  
21 the basis for not providing the documents and/or evidence. If Defendant(s)  
22 object based on the official information privilege, Defendant(s) shall follow the  
23 procedures described in the Court's scheduling order. If a party files an

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25 <sup>3</sup> Defense counsel is requested to obtain these documents from Plaintiff's institution(s) of confinement. If  
26 defense counsel is unable to do so, defense counsel should inform Plaintiff that a third party subpoena is required.

27 <sup>4</sup> See *Woodford v. Ngo*, 548 U.S. 81, 94-95 (2006) ("[P]roper exhaustion improves the quality of those  
28 prisoner suits that are eventually filed because proper exhaustion often results in the creation of an administrative  
record that is helpful to the court. When a grievance is filed shortly after the event giving rise to the grievance,  
witnesses can be identified and questioned while memories are still fresh, and evidence can be gathered and  
preserved.").

1 objection, all other parties have fourteen days from the date the objection is filed  
2 to file a response. If any party files a response to an objection, the Court will  
3 issue a ruling on the objection.  
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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: June 23, 2021

7 /s/ Eric P. Grogan  
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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